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2 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR : Acting Chief, DFD

SUBJECT : Development Branch Activity Report, 22-26 February 1960

1. OXCART:

a. On 23 February, [] of Firewel visited Headquarters and met with Messrs. [] and Parangosky. The Firewel OXCART scope of work was reviewed. [] promised to submit to Headquarters in the near future a specification drawing of the Firewel OXCART environmental system.

b. On 23 February, Brig. General Don Flickinger and his colleagues, [] of Firewel, and Messrs. Kiefer, [] and Parangosky. Flickinger reviewed generally a proposed time schedule for medical and related indoctrination training for OXCART pilots. Flickinger indicated that he would require pilots for a period of less than three months, after being made available to him, for the purpose of medical examination and related medical, physiological, and environmental indoctrination purposes. Flickinger indicated that if Project Headquarters furnished him with criteria for OXCART pilots, he, within a few days, could come up with a list of prospects and their files from among graduates of the Edwards Air Force Base experimental test pilot school or other USAF sources.

c. Mr. C. L. Johnson has been asked to firm his minimum requirements for a runway for the OXCART program [] and submit them to Headquarters for consideration.

d. Mr. C. L. Johnson has been asked to obtain an actual quote from [] instead of merely estimating an [] price, for an Inertial Navigation system for OXCART.

e. Pratt and Whitney's proposal for a fuel additive developmental program to define the hardware requirements for fuel controls has been forwarded to the DD/P for approval.

f. [] reviewed the OXCART specification and the aerodynamic status report on the A-12 submitted by Lockheed to Headquarters. [] observations were passed on to Mr. Kiefer.

g. The Operations Branch has been requested to double check the data submitted on the Lockheed A-12 aerodynamic status report pertaining to range, overflight coverage expected, flight safety and other facts pertaining to operations.

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25X1 h. At the request of Pratt and Whitney, arrangements were made with the Navy, [] to extend the Navy facilities contract with Pratt and Whitney pertaining to the J-58 engine scheduled to end 30 June 1960. An extension is required to permit Pratt and Whitney to order and install long lead time facilities requirements scheduled for delivery eight to ten months hence. The Navy facilities contract requires that facilities requirements be installed prior to the end of the expiration date of the contract. Pratt and Whitney advise that this situation arose as an aftermath of a moratorium placed on the facilities contract for several months in the fall of 1959 during which time P & W was unable to place orders for facilities requirements.

1. Depending CXCAFT major decisions: award of the autopilot system inertial navigation and camera contracts.

2. CORONA/ARGON:

No significant activity.

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5. CHALICE:

25X1 [] Lt. Col. Kemp of USAF Headquarters and Mr. Ed Green of Eastman Kodak plan to visit SAC Headquarters to review SAC complaints about the quality of the CHALICE product being furnished SAC.

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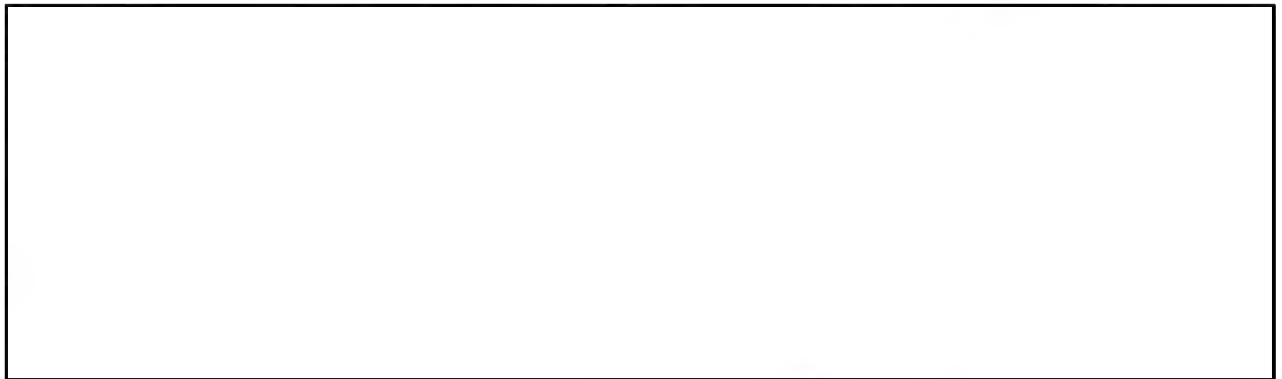
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